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Title: VIDEO FRAME OR PICTURE ENCODING AND DECODING


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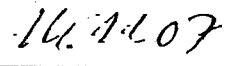
**DECLARATION OF THOMAS WIEGAND UNDER 37 CFR § 1.131**

1. My name is Thomas Wiegand. I am one of three inventors of the invention claimed in the above referenced patent application (hereinafter "THE INVENTION"). The other two inventors are Detlef Marpe and Heiko Schwarz.
2. It is my understanding that the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-20 as being anticipated by the document titled "Final CABAC Cleanup" (hereinafter "THE DOCUMENT"):
3. I am one of four authors of THE DOCUMENT. The three co-authors are Detlev Marpe and Heiko Schwarz (both inventors of THE INVENTION) and Gabi Blättermann (not an inventor of THE INVENTION).
4. I hereby confirm that the contribution to THE DOCUMENT by co-author Gabi Blättermann pertains to subject matter other than that which is disclosed and claimed in the above referenced patent application. To the extent that THE DOCUMENT may disclose THE INVENTION, such sections of THE

DOCUMENT comprise the contribution of myself and/or Detlev Marpe and Heiko Schwarz (both inventors of THE INVENTION).

5. All statements made of my own knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I understand that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both (18 U.S.C. § 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

  
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